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INDOCHINA

1. CASUALTY FIGURES FOR WORST BOMBING ACCIDENT OF INDOCHINA WAR AT NEAK LUONG GIVEN BY AMEMBASSY PP AS 137 (INCLUDING 56 FANK) KILLED AND 268 (INCLUDING 137 FANK) WOUNDED, BUT KHMER OFFICIALS SAY 189 KILLED AND 315 WOUNDED. SOURCE OF BOMBING ERROR NOT YET PINPOINTED, BUT DOD BELIEVES DUE MECHANICAL OR HUMAN TECHNICAL ERROR (AP CHITRIB, NYDN, WP; BINDER, NYT; SEIDEN, SUN; CSM; MARKS, UPI, PHINQ). KIRK (CHITRIB) FINDS REACTION AT PP ONE OF RESIGNATION. CHARGE ENDERS APOLOGIZES TO GKR AND EXPRESSES PROFOUND CONDOLENCES FOR NEAK LUONG ERROR (MARKS). SUN (AP) BELIEVES DANGER OF MISTAKEN BOMBING OF FRIENDLY AREAS DUE TO US PILOTS' DEPENDENCE ON CAMBODIAN OBSERVERS FOR TARGET INFORMATION AND DANGER IS HEIGHTENING AS INSURGENTS TIGHTEN NOOSE. PHOTOGRAPHER WHO VISITED NEAK LUONG (AP WP, NYT) SAYS HALF OF TOWN DESTROYED OR HEAVILY DAMAGED AND MAIN STREET LINED WITH RUBBLE; CONTRADICTS US AIR ATTACHE WHO STATED DAMAGE NOT EXTENSIVE. CAMBODIAN OFFICERS AT SCENE SAY 2 B-52S STRUCK NEAK LUONG.

2. IN SECOND ACCIDENTAL BOMBING AT SITE ABOUT 6 MI FROM NEAK LUONG IDENTIFIED AS CHUM ROEUNG VILLAGE OR TACHOR ISLAND (KOH TACHOU) IN MEKONG, CASUALTIES VARIOUSLY GIVEN AS 4 OR 8 KILLED AND FROM 8 TO 33 WOUNDED (CSM; BINDER; SEIDEN; MARKS). PENTAGON SAYS ERROR APPEARS DUE TO FAULTY BOMB-RELEASE RACKS ON F-111 (AP NYT, WP).

3. PENTAGON ANNOUNCES NO LETUP IN CAMBODIAN BOMBING (CSM; BINDER, NYT). F-4S BLAST KI 3 MI N. OF POCHENTONG UNCLASSIFIED

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(KIRK, MARKS).

4. SVN AND THAILAND CONSIDERING BLOCKADE OF KOMPONG SOM IF INSURGENTS WIN SINCE USE OF PORT WOULD FACILITATE HANOI RESUPPLY OF VC AND NVA IN SAIGON AREA AND DELTA (UPI, PHINQ).

5. KIRK (CHITRIB) DESCRIBES DAMAGE TO PREK ENG (NEAR

PP ON RTE) THAT WAS RETAKEN BY FANK AFTER 3-DAYS INSURGENT OCCUPATION; FANK INSPECTOR GENERAL MG CHHOUN CHHUM WAS BESIEGED IN HOME AT PREK ENG AND DEFENDED BY 10 SOLDIERS DURING PERIOD. GREENWAY (WP) SIMILARLY WRITES OF DESTRUCTION IN VEAL SBAU TOWN ALSO RECAPTURED BY FANK.

6. FORMER AF INTELLIGENCE CAPT. GEORGE MOSES TELLS SASC THAT UNDER ORDERS HE FALSIFIED REPORTS ON FIGHTER-BOMBER STRIKES IN CAMBODIA FROM MAY 70 TO APRIL 71. RAIDS WERE UP TO 100 MI INSIDE CAMBODIA, BUT WERE RECORDED AS IN VN. HIS TESTIMONY RELUCTANTLY SUPPORTED BY ACTIVE-DUTY AF CAPT. MAURICE O'CONNELL (KELLY, S-N; PHINQ, UPI; HERSH, NYT; CSM; CORDDRY, SUN; CARTER, NYDN; MARDER AND GETLER, WP).

7. MARDER AND GETLER REPORT DISCLOSURE BY FORMER GREEN BERETS OF US MILITARY GROUND OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS EARLY AS 1966 CLANDESTINE PATROLS WERE FOR RECON, BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT, TO CAPTURE POWS AND IN LAOS OCCASIONALLY TO HIT MILITARY TARGETS. THURMOND SOUGHT TO EMPHASIZE THAT SPECIAL FORCES WERE PRIMARILY RECON UNITS, NOT "COMBAT TROOPS.- BUT HUGHES ASSERTED THAT WHETHER THIS ACTION "LITERALLY" VIOLATED LAW OR NOT, "IT CLEARLY VIOLATED" CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.

8. ISAACS (SUN) OBSERVES THAT SIHANOUK'S STATEMENTS ARE BECOMING STEADILY HARsher AND MORE UNCOMPROMISING AND THAT HE EVIDENTLY EXPECTS VICTORY AND NO LONGER HINTS ABOUT POSSIBLE PEACE TALKS AND NOW DOESN'T

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DOUBT THAT REBELS CAN TAKE PP. MANY WESTERN DIPLOMATS AND ANALYSTS BELIEVE THAT MOST FRONT-LINE COMMANDERS AND CIVIL ADMINISTRATORS AMONG REBELS ARE OLD-LINE COMMUNISTS NOT NECESSARILY COMMITTED TO RETURNING SIHANOUK TO POWER.

9. IN S. LAOS, GROUND FIGHTING INCREASES SLIGHTLY WITH 6 RLG SOLDIERS KILLED; BUT INCIDENTS NOT CONSIDERED SERIOUS ENOUGH TO DISRUPT PL-RLG PEACE TALKS (WP, AP).

10. SVN MILITARY ACTION AT HIGHEST POINT IN 7 WEEKS BUT GVN SAYS MOST OF 27 INCIDENTS REPORTED ARE INSIGNIFICANT CLASHES, THOUGH MORE SERIOUS FIGHTING GOING ON IN PLEIKU PAST 2 DAYS WITH 28 COMMUNISTS

AND 2 ARVN KILLED YESTERDAY (KIRK, CHITRIB; CSM;
SUN, REUTER; MARK, UPI, PHINQ).

11. OKA (CSM) WRITES OF RC FATHER CHAN TIN'S STRUGGLE
FOR PRISON REFORM IN SVN AND BETTER TREATMENT FOR
POLITICAL PRISONERS. TIN CLAIMS GVN NOW CLEANING
UP CON SON FOR PRESS VISIT.

12. HANOI REPORTS THAT US AGREES ON SUM FOR 5-YEAR
NVN AID PROGRAM BUT CHARGES US DELAYING SIGNING
BY MAKING POLITICAL DEMANDS (MARKS).

JAPAN

13. CULLISON (JOC) REPORTS JAPANESE INDUSTRIES
ARE ENGAGED IN A VAST NEW PROGRAM OF RAW MATERIAL
IMPORTS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A HEDGE AGAINST INFLATION
AND ANTICIPATED SHORTAGES. FANTASTIC 81.6 INCREASE
IN JAPANESE PURCHASES AND IMPORTS DURING FIRST SIX
MONTHS OF THIS CALANDER YEAR OVER 1972 SEEN CONTRIBUTING
TO RAPID INCREASE IN WORLD PRICES. ALTHOUGH MUCH
GOING INTO IMMEDIATE PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING AND
SPECULATION ARE ABSORBING CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS.

14. IN SEPARATE ARTICLE CULLISON REPORTS GOJ MOVES
TO SPEED UP CUSTOMS CLEARANCE AND QUARANTINE PROCEDURES
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ON IMPORTS AS WELL AS TO PREVENT HOARDING BY MERCHANTS
HAVE FAILED TO STOP MEAT PRICES FROM CLIMBING SHARPLY.
OFFICIAL OF AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY MINISTRY EXPLAINED
TO JOC HIGH DUTIES AND IMPORT SURCHARGES ARE NECESSARY
TO "ADJUST PRICES OF IMPORTED MEATS" SO DOMESTIC
PRODUCERS WILL NOT SUFFER A LOSS OF THEIR MARKETS.
CULLISON FEELS AS LONG AS RURAL-BASED LDP CONTINUES
IN POWER, DOMESTIC IMPORTERS WILL BE PROTECTED.

15. JOC REPORTS JAPAN'S AUTO EXPORTS CLIMBED 73
OVER FIRST SIX MONTHS LAST YEAR. EXPORTS TO US
DOWN, THOSE TO WESTERN EUROPE AND SEA UP. NEVERTHELESS
THEY ARE PREDICTING EXPORTS DURING REMAINDER OF
YEAR WILL RISE EVEN FURTHER, PARTICULARLY TO NORTH
AMERICA AND WESTERN EUROPE.

KOREA

16. REUTER (NYT) REPORTS ROK PLANS TO INVEST \$737
MILLION (FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC CAPITAL) BY 1980 TO
BUILD NINE LARGE SHIPYARDS IN CHUNGMU AREA, ABOUT
200 MILES SE OF SEOUL.

17. OBERDORFER (WP) REPORTS KOREAN POLICE TAIL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES DELEGATES FROM US AND JAPAN WHO ARE GATHERING FACTS ABOUT RECENT JAILING OF PROMINENT SEOUL PASTOR, A DELEGATION OFFICIAL SAID. OFFICIAL, WHO ASKED NAME NOT BE USED, SAID DELEGATION WAS FOLLOWED NIGHT AND DAY BY AS MANY AS 15 PLAINCLOTHES OPERATIVES. CLERGYMEN, LAYMEN, AND OTHERS THE DELEGATION CONSULTED WERE SUBSEQUENTLY INTERROGATED BY POLICE AGENTS. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF KOREA HAS SET UP INTERDENOMINATIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE, AND PREMIER KIM CHONG PIL LAST WEEK ASSURED THREE PROMINENT KOREAN CHRISTIANS THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO EXPEDITE CASE. WHILE IN KOREA DELEGATION CONFIRMED AUTHENTICITY OF A THEOLOGICAL DECLARATION OF KOREAN CHRISTIANS WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATING ABROAD. DECLARATION ALLEGES GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT PARK IS DICTATORSHIP WHICH IS "DESTROYING FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS BELIEF",
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CALLS ON THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH KOREA TO "WITHDRAW ANY FORM OF RECOGNITION OF THE LAWS, ORDERS, POLICIES AND OTHER POLITICAL PROCESSES OF DICTATORSHIP" WHICH HAVE COME INTO EFFECT SINCE PARK DECLARED MARTIAL LAW AND SWEEPED AWAY THE CONSTITUTION. DELEGATION OFFICIAL SAID WHILE IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW MANY PEOPLE SUBSCRIBE TO IT, IT IS CLEAR THE DOCUMENT WAS DRAWN UP IN SOUTH KOREA AND IS CIRCULATING WIDELY AMONG CHRISTIANS THERE.

PRC

18. REUTER (WP) AND CSM REPORT MAJOR CONFERENCE OF CHINA'S LEADERS MAY BE IN PROGRESS. PRESENCE OF 15 BUSES AND SCORES OF OFFICIAL LIMOUSINES PARKED AROUND PEKING'S GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE LATE AT NIGHT HAS SPARKED SPECULATION AMONG DIPLOMATS THAT 10TH PARTY CONGRESS BEING CONVENED.

19. MCGUIRE (CHITRIB), AND SUN, NYDN, AND PHINQ REPORT ARTICLE BY "I. ALEXANDROV", PEN NAME SOMETIMES USED FOR TOP-LEVEL POLITBURO POLICY STATEMENTS, IN PRAVDA. ARTICLE CONDEMNED PRC FOREIGN POLICY AS IN INCREASINGLY DANGEROUS ALLIANCE WITH "THE MOST REACTIONARY CIRCLES OF IMPERIALISM", AND ACCUSED CHINA OF SEEKING TO DIVIDE USSR FROM ITS EAST EUROPEAN ALLIES AND OF CONSPIRING WITH CAPITALIST STATES. ARTICLE CALLED FOR AN ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM, A PROPOSAL THE CHINESE SAY IS AIMED AT

ENCIRCLING THEM. OBSERVERS NOTED THAT STEPPED-UP ACRIMONY OCCURRED IN WAKE OF FURTHER MILITARY BUILD-UP REPORTED ALONG BORDER, AND DEADLOCK IN BORDER NEGOTIATIONS. MCGUIRE SAYS CHINA FEARS THAT RELAXATION OF TENSION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST IN EUROPE WILL PERMIT MOSCOW TO REDUCE ITS GARRISON THERE AND TRANSFER MILITARY UNITS TO PRC BORDER. PEKING THEREFORE WARNED THE WEST NOT TO LOWER ITS PSYCHOLOGICAL GUARD AGAINST KREMLIN POLICIES SET ON LULLING WEST EUROPEAN NATIONS INTO A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY. SUN, HOWEVER, SEES PRAVDA ARTICLE AIMED AT IMPENDING DISCUSSION IN PEKING ON SUCCESSOR UNCLASSIFIED

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TO MAO AND RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP. SUN SEES SOVIET CRITICISM AS ROUTINE, AND SEES SOMEWHAT GREATER THAN USUAL EMPHASIS ON PROSPECTS FOR RECONCILIATION - PROVIDED CHINA MODIFIES ITS POLICIES.

PHILIPPINES

20. NYT REPORTS PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT IS GOING AFTER THOSE WHO DID NOT VOTE IN LAST MONTH'S REFERENDUM, GIVING THEM UNTIL SEPT. 8 TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY SHOULD NOT PAY FINE OR BE JAILED, OR BOTH. GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES 3 MILLION OR 13 OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS DID NOT REGISTER OR VOTE. ELECTIONS COMMISSION IS ALSO COLLATING THE OPTIONAL REMARKS SHEETS FILED BY VOTERS IN ORDER TO FIND OUT WHY 9 VOTED "NO" ON REFERENDUM.

INDONESIA

21. HAYWARD (CSM) REPORTS SUHARTO IS QUIETLY EMERGING AS STRONG, RESPECTED LEADER; NO COMPETITOR OF SIGNIFICANT STATURE ON HORIZON. "HE IS NO LONGER IN SUKARNO'S SHADOW", A VETERAN WESTERN OBSERVER DECLARES. "THE LAST ELECTION MADE HIM A MAN IN HIS OWN RIGHT". MALIK SAYS SUHARTO HAS TWO MAJOR AIMS, IN BOTH OF WHICH HE HAS REGISTERED SUCCESSES: ONE IS RESTORING INDONESIA'S ECONOMIC POSITION, AND OTHER IS TO STABILIZE ITS INTERNAL SITUATION. ONLY IMPORTANT THREAT TO SUHARTO GOVERNMENT'S POPULARITY HAS COME IN PAST YEAR WITH SEVERE RICE SHORTAGE, WHICH HIS OFFICIALS ARE REGARDED AS HAVING BEEN SLOW TO ANTICIPATE, DESPITE WARNING SIGNS. HAYWARD REPORTS THAT NO ONE HE ENCOUNTERED IN INDONESIA SERIOUSLY THOUGHT THE RICE CRISIS WAS ENOUGH TO BRING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER.

THAILAND

22. NYT'S BROWNE, IN BANGKOK, REPORTS THAT GRUMBLING, UNREST AND DISSENT INSIDE THAILAND -- GREATER THAN UNCLASSIFIED

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AT ANY TIME SINCE WWII -- HAS RTG WORRIED. RULING MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT FACED WITH LABOR MOVEMENT SHOWING REMARKABLE ANIMATION, WITH ANGRY FARMERS WHO HAVE TO RESTRICT CONSUMPTION OF RICE FOR FIRST TIME IN THEIR LIVES AND WITH DISCIPLINED CORPS OF STUDENTS THAT HAS SUDDENLY BECOME POWERFUL POLITICAL BLOC. THAILAND'S NEIGHBORS ARE ALSO CONCERNED OVER CRACKS OPENING IN TRADITIONALLY STABLE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL STRUCTURE, BECAUSE REGIME HAS BEEN CONSIDERED MAIN ANCHOR CONTAINING COMMUNISM SINCE 1950S AND BECAUSE ANY INEPT THAI ADMINISTRATION COULD WRECK COUNTRY'S VITAL RICE PRODUCTION.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

SUN REGARDS SECRETARY ROGERS' BRIEF, WHICH SUCCESSFULLY OVERTURNED JUSTICE DOUGLAS' WEEKEND DECISION, AS BEING IN LINE WITH PRESIDENT'S DETERMINATION TO "HANG TOUGH" UNTIL AUG 15; THEN IF DISASTER COMES, TO BE IN A POSITION TO TRY TO BLAME LEGISLATIVE WAR CRITICS FOR COLLAPSE OF "MISGUIDED" INTERVENTION IN CAMBODIA. THESE MAY BE GOOD POLITICAL TACTICS, BUT ARE SMALL COMFORT TO THE HUNDREDS OF CAMBODIANS BEING KILLED AND WOUNDED DURING THIS FINAL LETHAL FLOURISH OF US AIR POWER. PHINQ REFERS TO BOMBING ERRORS, TO INDICATIONS THAT THE LON NOL REGIME IS IN A "STATE OF CATATONIC COLLAPSE", AND ASKS: "WHY KEEP BOMBING UP TO THE LAST MINUTE?" CSM EXPRESSES VIEW THAT ACCIDENTAL BOMBING WAS ILLUSTRATIVE OF WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE USE OF B-52S. THEY ARE IMPRECISE INSTRUMENTS INCAPABLE OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN FRIEND AND FOE, AND GUERRILLAS ARE NOT MASTERED BUT AIDED BY SUCH METHODS. NYT LIKewise POINTS OUT LIKELIHOOD OF BOMBING ERROR WHEN B-52S ARE USED IN HEAVILY POPULATED AREAS IN CLOSE COMBAT SUPPORT. NYT FINDS SOME CONSOLATION THAT CONGRESS DECIDED TO STOP THE KILLING ONE WEEK FROM TODAY AND THAT THE COURTS HAVE TAKEN PRELIMINARY STEPS TO DECLARE "THIS PRESIDENTIAL HORROR" ILLEGAL. BUT FOR EACH DAY THE BOMBING CONTINUES, NYT SAYS, ADMINISTRATION WHICH ORDERED IT AND THOSE WHO CONDONED IT BEAR A HEAVY UNCLASSIFIED

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MORAL BURDEN. CHITRIB'S BOB CROMIE EXPRESSES VIEW THAT CONTINUED BOMBING WILL DO LITTLE OR NOTHING TO AFFECT THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE CONFUSING CAMBODIA CONFLICT; LAUDS JUSTICE DOUGLAS' MOTIVE IN TRYING TO END KILLING EARLY AND GET OUR FLIERS OUT OF CAMBODIA AHEAD OF "SCHEDULE."

23. JOE ALSOP (WP, SUN) SAYS "SECRECY" OF 1969-1970 BOMBING IN CAMBODIA ONLY CONSISTED IN NOT TELLING THE WHOLE WORLD ABOUT MILITARY OPERATIONS. POINTS TO MIKE RIVES' AUG. 1969 CABLE TO DOS DETAILING SIHANOUK-MANSFIELD CONVERSATION WHEREIN THE PRINCE "POINTED OUT" THAT THERE WERE "NO CAMBODIAN PROTESTS" OF US BOMBINGS IN AREAS POPULATED BY NVA, AND TO ADVANCE NOTICE GIVEN TO DEMOCRATIC LEADERS OF SASC WHEN WH REACHED DECISION TO BOMB CAMBODIAN SANCTUARIES. ALSO CITES SIHANOUK AS HAVING TOLD CHESTER BOWLES IN JAN. 1968 THAT HE WOULD NOT MIND IF US PLANES EXERCISED "HOT PURSUIT" AGAINST NVA IN CAMBODIA.

24. S-N'S BRADSHER (AUG. 7) IN SAIGON EXPECTS APATHETIC AND NON-COMPETITIVE AUG. 26 ELECTION FOR HALF OF SENATE SEATS; NOTES MANIPULATIONS AND PRESSURES APPLIED TO ASSURE OUTCOME FAVORABLE TO THIEU AND DEMOCRACY PARTY. CITES PARTY'S COMMISSIONER-GENERAL OF PROPAGANDA AND TRAINING, WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AS DENYING WHAT VIETNAMESE SOURCES AND DIPLOMATS SAY IS TRUE, I.E., THAT GVN OFFICIALS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK FOR THE PARTY WHAT IS GALLING TO AMERICANS HERE, SAYS BRADSHER, IS TURNING RURAL DEVELOPMENT CADETS INTO PARTY WORKERS. CADETS WERE TRAINED UNDER AN AMERICAN-SPONSORED PROGRAM TO COUNTER VC POLITICAL WORKERS WITH VILLAGE-LEVEL ACTIVITIES THAT COULD STRENGTHEN ALLEGIANCES TO SVN NATIONHOOD, REGARDLESS OF WHO IS IN POWER. BUT THIEU SEEMS TO EQUATE THE NATION WITH HIS LEADERSHIP - A VIEWPOINT WITH WHICH MANY SENIOR AMERICANS HERE ARE SYMPATHETIC. THESE AMERICANS EXPLAIN THAT SVN NEEDS A STRONG POLITICAL FORCE TO RESIST VC, AND ONLY WAY TO GET IT IS BY USING THE ADMINISTRATIVE

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APPARATUS. THIS IS AN ARGUMENT THAT OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIALS ELSEWHERE IN ASIA HAVE MADE MANY TIMES BEFORE AS THE US CONTINUED ITS SUPPORT OF INCREASINGLY

DICTATORIAL REGIMES, IGNORING ONE LITTLE STEP AFTER ANOTHER AWAY FROM WHATEVER DEGREE OF DEMOCRACY EXISTED AT FIRST. ALSOES SPECULATION THAT SVN WILL UNDERGO CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS NEXT YEAR TO ALLOW THIEU THIRD TERM.

25. MICHAEL MALLOY (NAT. OBSERVER, AUG 11) CONCLUDES THAT SHORT-TERM GOALS OF JANUARY PEACE AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN MET: NVN GOT THE AMERICANS TO STOP BOMBING, CLEAR MINES, PULL ITS TROOPS OUT. US POWS RELEASED AND US COMBAT ROLE DIMINISHED. BUT LONG-TERM GOAL OF PEACE IS STILL DISTANT. THIEU REGIME IS STILL FUNCTIONING, BUT SO DO 170,000 NVA TROOPS. ANY SETTLEMENTS IN LAOS OR CAMBODIA WILL PROBABLY BE ON TERMS THAT LEAVE MORE THAN 100,000 NVA TROOPS IN UNMOLESTED CONTROL OF SVN'S ENTIRE LAND BORDER. AND GVN-PRG HOSTILITY SHOWSNO SIGNS OF ABATING.

26. WSJ SUSPECTS THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE WAR POWERS BILL IS TO REWRITE HISTORY TO ABSOLVE CONGRESS OF ANY BLAME FOR VN, NOTING THAT THE CONSTANT IMPLICATION IS THAT IF ONLY SOME SUCH LEGISLATION HAD BEEN ON THE BOOKS, EXECUTIVE BRANCH NEVER COULD HAVE CARRIED US INTO VN. IN ASSESSING WAR POWERS BILL, CRUCIAL THING TO REMEMBER IS THAT FULBRIGHT AND CONGRESS ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. FULBRIGHT'S VIEW OF VN DID NOT PREVAIL, BUT THE REASON WAS NEVER THAT CONGRESS LACKED THE LEGISLATIVE POWER TO ENFORCE THAT VIEW. FACT WAS THAT FULBRIGHT COULD NEVER SELL HIS VIEW TO CONGRESS. INSTEAD, CONGRESS REPEATEDLY VOTED APPROPRIATIONS AND DEFEATED ANTIWAR PROPOSALS, OR WATERED THEM DOWN. FINALLY, AFTE 10 YEARS, CONGRESS PASSED A BILL CUTTING OFF FUNDS FOR BOMBING CAMBODIA AS OF AUG. 15. NO ONE DOUBTS THAT THE BOMBING WILL END AUG. 15, YET CONGRESS WORRIES ABOUT WHETHER IT HAS ENOUGH LEGISLATIVE POWER TO STOP A WAR WHEN IT WANTS TO.

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27. PHIL BULL (AUG. 5), REFERRING TO TANAKA COMMENTS AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, OBSERVES PM STRIKING A NOTE OF INDEPENDENCE AS DID WHITLAM THE DAY BEFORE IN SPEECH TO SAME BODY. NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT WHEN WHITLAM SPOKE OF HIS COUNTRY'S NEED TO FOLLOW ITS "INDEPENDENT INTERESTS," IT WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF MAINTAINING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH US, WHEREAS CONTEXT OF INDEPENDENCE MENTIONED BY TANAKA WAS FAR LARGER, I.E.,

A THREE-WAY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE US, JAPAN AND EUROPE. SEES SIGN OF INCREASINGLY MATURE JAPANESE SENSE OF INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN TANAKA REMARKS CONCERNING HIS COUNTRY'S READINESS TO PLAY A ROLE IN HELPING RESOLVE WORLD PROBLEMS.

28. LAT'S LAMB (AUG. 7) WRITES FEATURE ARTICLE ON WHAT WAS ONCE THE PENAL COLONY OF PORT ARTHUR, RELATING CURRENT AUSTRALIAN ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES TO ITS HISTORY.

29. LAT'S JACQUES LESLIE (AUG. 7), NOW IN CAMBODIA, DESCRIBES RELAXED (TO SAY THE LEAST) ATTITUDE OF FANK UNIT AFTER IT HAD MANAGED TO DISLODGE KI FROM POSITION ON HWY 1, THREE MI E OF PP, AND HAD RETAKEN A MI OF ROAD IT HAD GIVEN UP EARLIER. ROGERS

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